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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY ROME

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1130

E.O. GDS

TAGS: PFOR SO ET

SUBJ: SOMALI SUSPICIONS OF US ROLE IN ETHIOPIAN ATTACK THREAT

REF: A. MOGADISCIO 1087; B. MOGADISCIO 1122

1. ACCORDING FRG AMBASSADOR HOLIK, SEC. FINANCE WEIRAH MET WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GIACOMELLI LAST WEEK AND REQUESTED GOI COUNSEL US TO CEASE ITS SUPPORT FOR IEG AGGRESSION AGAINST SOMALIA.

2. HOLIK INFORMED CHARGE AUG. 1 THAT WEIRAH HAD FRANKLY TOLD GIACOMELLI THAT HE (WEIRAH) CONVINCED US WAS BEHIND ETHIOPIAN EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW SOMALI REGIME. HOLIK ADDED THAT HIS POLICE SOURCES REPORTED RECENT SOMALI MILITARY/POLICE ALERT (REF B) WAS VERY REAL INDEED: SOMALIS DEEPLY CONCERTED THAT ETHIOPIA INTENDED EARLY ATTACK. (WEIRAH HAD SAID THIS TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO).

3. COMMENT - A. IN JUNE, HOLIK TOLD AMB. LOORAM THAT WEIRAB SEEMED CONVINCED US WAS LEAGUED WITH ETHIOPIA AGAINST SOMALI REGIME. WHEN AMB. LOORAM TOLD WEIRAH ON JUNE 24 HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SURE THIS HAD NOT BEEN SAID SERIOUSLY, WEIRAH DID NOT MAKE

DIRECT REPLY (SEE MEMCON SENT AF/E, INR).

B. DURING CHARGE'S JUNE 25 CALL ON GIACOMELLI, SOMALI/
ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED. GIACOMELLI MADE NO MENTION
OF MEETING WITH WEIRAH AND TOOK GENERALLY RELAXED VIEW OF
BORDER SITUATION E.G. "NEITHER SIDE CAN AFFORD HOSTILITIES".
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